2 Abstract 3 Mechanical controls for continuously varying the length of the 4 stroke of the valves in an internal-combustion engine and for maintaining the valves constantly closed while the engine is in 5 operation while simultaneously varying how long the valve or 6 7 valves remain open, whereby the valves are actuated by rocker 8 levers that are in turn actuated by an angled lever, whereby the positions of the levers are varied in order to vary the length 9 and duration of the stroke. 10 11 12 The valves are actuated at low engine speeds by assigning a 13 specific narrow angle of rotation to each abbreviated stroke to be established. 14 15 16 Figure 1 illustrates valve stroke controls with an angled lever (2) actuated by a cam (17) mounted on a lateral roller (3). In 17 18 the event of a misalignment, a planetary gear comes into play, 19 wherein a roller (9), mounted on the rocker lever (8) that actuates the valve (1) acts a sun wheel, the angled lever (2) 20 acts as a planet wheel, and a setting lever (5) acts as a planet 21 22 bearing. 23 24 25

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